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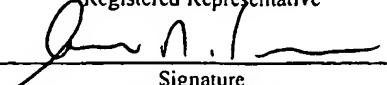
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Our Case No. 10210/10

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Toshio Mikiya, et al.)
Serial No. 10/808,067) Examiner: Dunwoody, Aaron M.
Filing Date: March 24, 2004) Group Art Unit No. 3679
For: PIPE COUPLER)
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 16, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated June 16, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.